RCVD 12-7-05

Dear Santa,

We are from Waveland and our home was at:

[redacted] BROWNS AVE

We are now living at:

Address: [redacted] W ASHTON COURT

City SLIDELL State LA Zipcode 70460

Phone No. [redacted]

Our family consists of:

Debby [redacted] & my daughter Cairo [redacted] (6)
We had an exchange student from Columbia - Sylvia 17

Our Katrina experience was:

devastating & still is. Lost my home & restaurant ([redacted]) - Would love to be living in Waveland but is impossible at present. Was leasing business for 15 yrs & now owner is unclear what she wants to do. Life is topsy turvy at best. Trying to stay positive

Write something special that you would like Santa to bring you or your family:

We would love a swing set w/ monkey bars, an out door wok type burner, outdoor furniture &/or picnic table. Cairo wants a bike - med sized. A lumberjack, plumber, electrician, engineer & some trees would be nice. Load of shells + sand to replace Katrina mud Trampoline or anything for outdoor use - lighting, a deck, pallets, etc.

Please use back or another sheet of paper, if you want to write more. We want to hear your story.

Return by November 30th to:

Mayor's Office, City of Waveland, P. O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39576

We want to help people for Christmas for all help we have received. If anything we can do, please call.

When I returned to my home on Aug 31. I had to walk about a mile through trees & up against houses in the road, etc. The muck was 6 to 10 inches everywhere. There was not alot of debris around except in bushes & trees. When I was on South St at the base of Brown Ave there was a huge tree down & a spot where I could actually see the street. There was a sign there. I picked it up, turned it over & wiped it off a little - it said "Home, Sweet Home". I believed it!

I want to be in Waveland. I feel like it is my home. It seems SO impossible but I am trying to get back there. I still have such huge messes to clean up. I don't know how I can do it all. One day at a time or one weekend at a time I guess.

I love Waveland & I miss my family, friends & customers - I miss my support system & structure & direction in my life. All and all, I truly believe I belong here and will continue to do so.